

An Analysis Towards the Individual Linguistic Features of Football Commentary

Register in Barclays Premier League

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Abstract

Soccer, or football, is a widely known sport in many countries. In broadcasted matches, announcers (or commentators) have an important role of delivering the occurrences of the match to the audience. Since sport announcers' language form has its own uniqueness, sport announcers' language style is considered as a set of register called Sport Announcer's Talk (SAT). This study was aimed to find out the Individual Linguistic Features in the register of sport announcers.

As a qualitative research, this study looked at sport announcers' utterances in some certain minutes of the matches in 2015-2016 Barclays Premier League (BPL) in the United Kingdom. The study was done through transcribing the commentaries of certain matches and then categorizing the utterances into the proper Individual Linguistic Features. The result of the study shows that there are seven Individual Linguistic Features which are: Simplification, Subject-Dependent Inversion, Result Expressions, Heavy Modifiers, Diminutive Elements, Deictic Adverbs as Signposting Devices, and Discourse Deixis.

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